FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing and a Petition for Zoning Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Connelly Funeral Home, by Gregory Connelly. The Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve an expansion of the special exception area granted in prior Case No. 5291 to include the adjoining property, as approved in Reclassification Case No. R-82-198-SPH; an amendment to the previously approved site plans in Case Nos. R-82-198-SPH, 5291 and 76-249-A accordingly; to approve a garage in the R.O. zoned portion of the combined properties as an accessory structure; and to confirm the location and number of parking spaces to be provided as being in compliance with current zoning regulations. The Petitioner also requests variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: From Section 409.8.B.2(b) and (c) to permit a garage in the R.O. zoned portion of the site for the storage of vehicles related to the funeral home operation on the adjoining property zoned D.R. 5.5 as an accessory structure, or, in the alternative, a variance from Section 1B01.2.C.1a to permit side yard setbacks of 5 feet each in lieu of the required 20 feet and a rear yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for a proposed non-residential, principal building (garage) located in the D.R. zone; and a variance from Sections 1B01.2.C.1a and 301.1A to permit an

unusual. Unlike retail, commercial uses, the nature of the subject business often requires on-hand management and direction of vehicular traffic on this site. That is, having been at this location since 1961, the Petitioners have adopted a workable and formal system for funeral services conducted on this property. The system basically allows for the circulation of vehicles in a clock-wise fashion starting from the rear entrance to the site off of Townsend Road around the existing building to the front of the property, then exiting at the front entrance to the site onto Townsend Road after picking up clientele from the front of the building. The Petitioners will often have employees directing the flow of traffic off the site. Because of the nature of a funeral home operation and because I am persuaded that the Petitioners know their business best after years of operation from this location, I will not require the Petitioners to adopt the alternative parking/travel flow arrangement as suggested by the Bureau of Traffic Engineering. As such, the special hearing relief requested as to the location and number of parking spaces provided shall be granted. It is to be noted, however, that four spaces will be eliminated due to the proposed addition, leaving a total of 72 parking spaces, which is still, in my view, sufficient to accommodate the parking needs of this business.

Turning to the variances requested, it should be noted that the Petitioners enjoy the support of their neighbors, pursuant to the letters I received in favor of the relief requested. Further, the Office of Planning and Zoning recommended approval of the relief requested. Because I have granted the special hearing to approve the proposed garage as an accessory structure, the alternative relief sought from Section 1B01.2.C.la is moot, and the variance from Section 409.8.B2(b) and (c) will be granted.

open projection (canopy) to be located 0 feet from the front property line in lieu of the required 30 feet, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitioner were Gregory Connelly and R. Terry Connelly, co-owners of the subject property, and William P. Monk, Land Planning and Zoning Consultant. Also appearing as an interested party was Keith Link with the Baltimore County Bureau of Traffic Engineering. There were no Protestants at the hearing.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 300 Mace Avenue, consists of a total area of 50,037 sq.ft., more or less, of which approximately 30,000 sq.ft. is zoned D.R. 5.5 and the remaining 20,037 sq.ft. is zoned R.O. The D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of the site, identified as Parcel 1 on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, is improved with a two-story dwelling in which the first floor is used as a funeral home and the second floor is used as a single family residence that is occupied by the family. The R.O. zoned portion of the site, identified as Parcel 2, is improved with a macadam parking lot which extends the length of the property from Mace Avenue to the rear property line and across the back of the lot behind the existing dwelling. Said property is located at the intersection of Mace Avenue and Townsend Road in the Essex area of Baltimore County. On the north and west sides of the property exist residential properties. To the east and south sides of the subject site, across Mace Avenue and Townsend Road, are commercial retail uses.

As to the history of the business, the Connelly Funeral Home has been in existence since 1924 and has operated from the subject property since 1961. In terms of the property's zoning history, Case No. 5291 approved a special exception in 1961 to use the D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of

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It should be noted however, that the Petitioners stated at the hearing that the area around the garage, which shows a 5-foot setback from the side and rear property lines on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, will be used to provide landscaping. I am concerned that the proposed 5-foot strip of land will be insufficient to accommodate viable landscaping. At the hearing, the Petitioners testified that they could reduce the building to a dimension of 46 feet deep by 36 feet wide and still meet their needs Therefore, I am inclined to reduce the size of the building to allow an increased area immediately adjacent to the structure for screening and buffering and will so Order.

In consideration of landscaping for the subject property, the site plan generally shows an existing line of plantings along the rear portion of the site (west side) between the parking lot and the residential properties on Townsend Road which appear to be an appropriate buffer. On the northern property line, between the parking lot and the dwellings on Mace Avenue, there is a line of evergreen trees which appear to effectively shield the adjoining properties from the site. Additional landscaping is also shown on the front portion of the site, adjacent to Mace Avenue and some boxed plantings are proposed at the front-end of the canopy at the building entrance. In my view, the landscaping provided effectively screens the property from adjoining uses and is appropriate.

As to the variance for the canopy, I believe the relief requested should be granted. The canopy will not block site distance to and from this site as it merely provides a roof to shield patrons during inclement or uncomfortable weather. There are no walls to block air and/or light it provides a needed service to patrons visiting the funeral home.

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the property, identified as Parcel 1 on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, as a funeral home. In 1976, Case No. 76-249-A, granted a variance to permit a distance from the front property line of 13 feet. More recently, in Case No. 82-198-SBA, the County Board of Appeals granted a reclassification of Parcel 2 of the subject property to R.O. for a parking lot with a documented parking plan. The Petitioner is now desirous of expanding the funeral home operation with a 2,090 sq.ft. addition on the south side of the existing structure to provide administrative offices on the site, and a 30' imes40' canopy on the front of the building to provide shelter for its patrons during inclement or uncomfortable weather. The Petitioner also proposes to construct a 50' x 40' garage in the northeast corner of the R.O. zoned portion of the site to provide storage for those vehicles used in the business. All of the relief requested is more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

As previously stated, a special exception for use of Parcel 1 of the subject property as a funeral home was approved in prior Case No. 5291. The special exception use was never expanded to include Parcel 2, notwithstanding the County Board of Appeals case granted the reclassification of Parcel 2 to R.O. to permit parking on that portion of the site. Clearly, the use of Parcel 2 since 1982 has been devoted specifically to parking. Based on a physical inspection of the property, there is no delineation between the two parcels and their uses. The special hearing to expand the special exception use and to amend the previously approved site plans accordingly should be granted to make consistent the entire use of the property as a funeral home operation.

As to the special hearing relief sought for the proposed garage, a definition of the term "accessory structure" is in order. Section 101

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of the B.C.Z.R. defines an "accessory structure" as: "A use or structure which (a) is customarily incident and subordinate to and serves a principal use or structure; (b) is subordinate in area, extent or purpose to the principal use or structure; (c) is located on the same lot as the principal use or structure; and, (d) contributes to the comfort, convenience and necessity of occupants, business or industry in the principal use or structure served..."

Clearly, the garage proposed meets the definition of accessory structure here. The proposed garage will serve the business which lawfully exists on the property, it is subordinate in area, extent and purpose, is located on the same lot, and in fact, contributes to the convenience and necessity of the business. The garage as proposed is definitely an accessory structure and should therefore be granted approval as such.

As to the special hearing relief requested concerning the parking provided on the property, there was substantial testimony at the hearing by both the Petitioners and Mr. Link with the Bureau of Traffic Engineering regarding the parking arrangement and traffic flow on the property. The Bureau of Traffic Engineering requested that a parking plan different from that currently provided be implemented. Specifically, it was suggested that the angled spaces to the rear of the site be realigned to provide a one-way drive aisle exiting the property and that there be no vehicular access from the 20' wide entrance from the rear/west side of the property off of Townsend Road. There was significant testimony presented by both the Petitioners and Mr. Link regarding this alternative. In my view, the parking plan suggested by the Bureau of Traffic Engineering is not a viable alternative for the use on this property. It is to be noted that unlike almost any other use, the parking needs in this particular instance are

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An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:
- 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the special hearing and variances, as modified, are not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

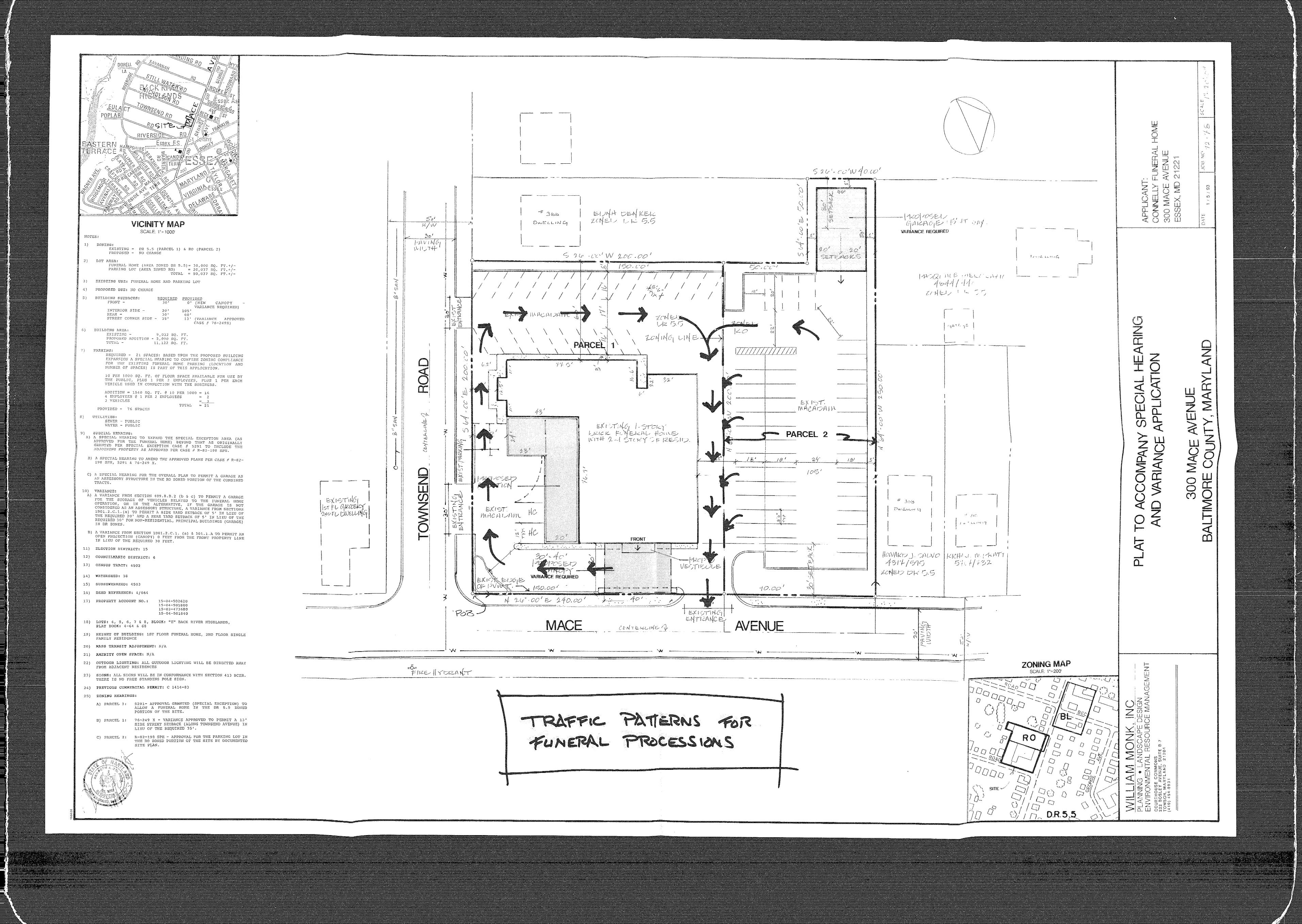
Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the special hearing and variance relief, as modified, should be granted.

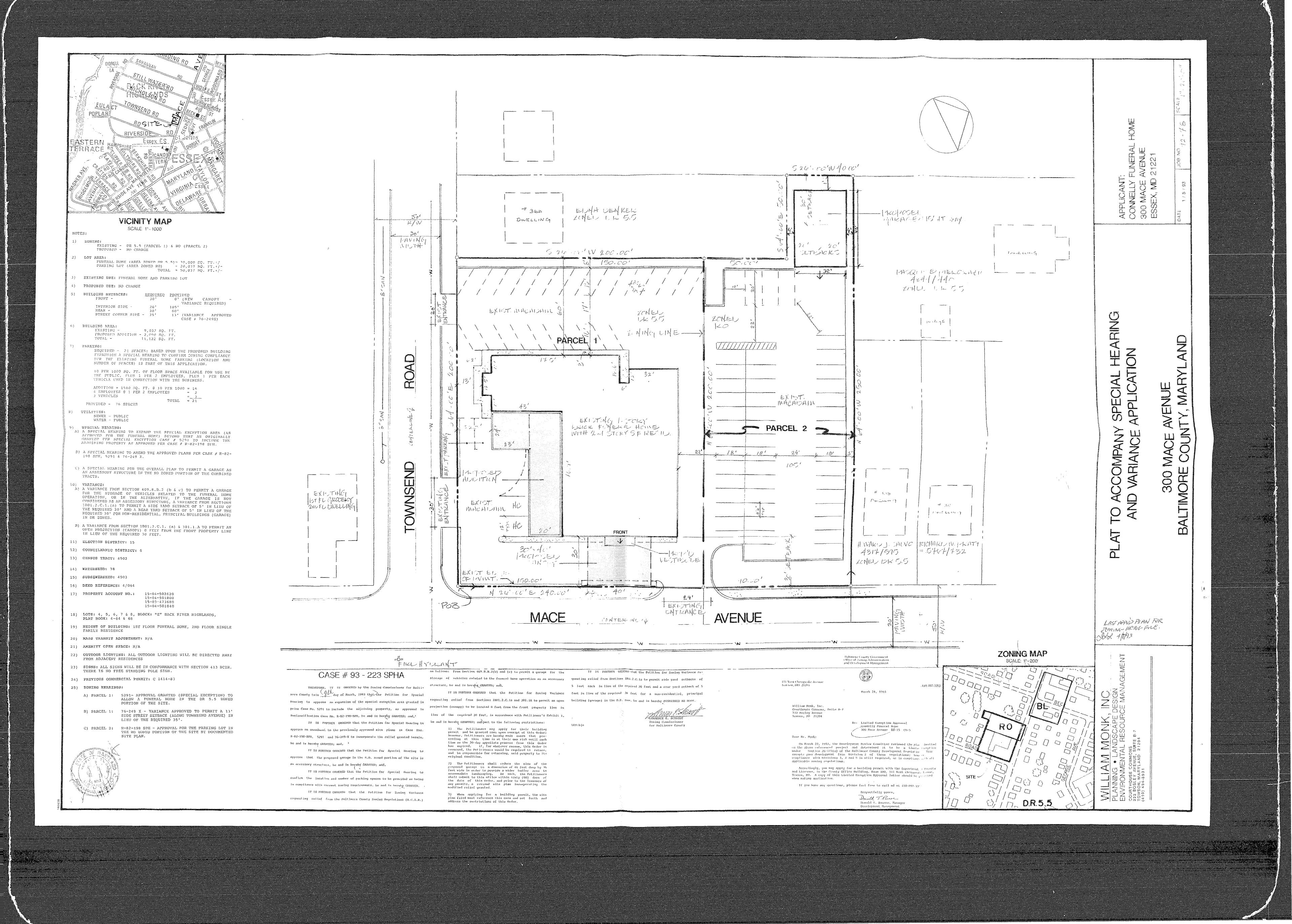
- THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of March, 1993 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve an expansion of the special exception area granted in prior Case No. 5291 to include the adjoining property, as approved in Reclassification Case No. R-82-198-SPH, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve an amendment to the previously approved site plans in Case Nos. R-82-198-SPH, 5291 and 76-249-X to incorporate the relief granted herein, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve that the proposed garage in the R.O. zoned portion of the site is an accessory structure, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing to confirm the location and number of parking spaces to be provided as being
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Sections 1801.2.C.1a and 301.1A to permit an open projection (canopy) to be located 0 feet from the front property line in

structure, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

in compliance with current zoning requirements, be and is hereby GRANTED





lieu of the required 30 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) The Petitioners shall reduce the size of the proposed garage to a dimension of 46 feet deep by 36 feet wide in order to provide a wider buffer area to accommodate landscaping. As such, the Petitioners shall submit to this office within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, and prior to the issuance of any permits, a revised site plan incorporating the modified relief granted.

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Sections 1801.2.C.la to permit side yard setbacks of 5 feet each in lieu of the required 20 feet and a rear yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for a non-residential, principal

building (garage) in the D.R. zone, be and is hereby DISMISSED AS MOOT.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

March 8, 1993

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

Mr. Gregory Connelly Mr. R. Terry Connelly 300 Mace Avenue Essex, Maryland 21221

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND ZONING VARIANCE NW/Corner Mace Avenue and Townsend Road (300 Mace Avenue) 15th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District Connelly Funeral Home - Petitioner

Dear Messrs Connelly:

Case No. 93-223-SPHA

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Zoning Variance, as modified, have been granted in accordance with the attached

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: William P. Monk 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-7, Towson, Md. 21204-4300

People's Counsel

Petition for Special Hearing
to the Zoning Comments to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 300 Mace Avenue which is presently sound DR 5.5 & RO This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

1) A special hearing to expand the special exception area (as approved for the funeral home) beyond that as originally granted per special exception Case # 5291 to include the adjoining property as approved per Case # R-82-198 SPH. 2)A special hearing to amend the approved plans per Case # R-82-198 SPH, 5291 & 76-249 X. 3)A special hearing for the overall plan to permit a garage as an assessory structure in the RO zoned portion of the combined tracts. 4)A special hearing to confirm zoning compliance for the existing funeral home parking (location and number of spaces). Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. VWe do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Connelly Funeral Home Mr. Gregory Connelly (Type or Print Name) 300 Mace Avenue Essex Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or paperentative Wiliam Monk, Inc. 222 Bosley, Towson, MD 494-8931

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-3353 DATE: 2-2-93 Connelly Funeral Home 300 Mace Avenue Essex, Maryland 21221 RE: CASE NUMBER: 93-223-SPHA (Item 230) MAC Mace Avenue and Toward Road 300 Mace Avenue 15th Election District - 6th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Connelly Funeral Home HEARING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 106, Office Building. Dear Petitioner(s): Please be advised that \$ 95.05 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL MOT ISSUE. DO MOT REMOVE THE SIGH & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING. Please forward your check via return mail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 109, Towson, Maryland 21204. Place the case number on the check and make same payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. In order to avoid delay of the issuance of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeaks Evenue in Townon, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 93-223-SPHA (Item 230) NAC Mace Avenue and Towsend Road 300 Mace Avenue 15th Election District - 6th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Connelly Funeral Home HEARING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 106, Office Building.

Special Hearing to expand the special exception area (as approved for the funeral home) beyond that as originally granted per special exception case #5291 to include the adjoining property as approved per case #R-82-198-SPH; to assend the approved plans per case #R-82-198-SPH, #5291, and #76-249-X; to permit a garage as an accessory structure in the R.O. zoned portion of the combined tracts; and to confirm zoning compliance for the existing funeral home parking (location and number of spaces).

Variance to permit a garage for the storage of vehicles related to the funeral home operation, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, if the garage is not considered as an accessory structure, to permit a side yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 20 feet and a rear yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for non-residential, principal buildings (garage) in D.R. zones; and to permit an open projection (canopy) zero feet from the front property line inlieu of the required 30 feet.

cc: Connelly Funeral Home William Monk, Inc.

Ms. Julie Winiarski

Zoning Administration and

Development Management

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

County Office Building

MOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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Mr. Gregory Connelly

300 Mace Avenue Essex, MD 21221

> RE: Case No. 93-223-SPHA, Item No. 230 Petitioner: Connelly Funeral Home Petition for Special Hearing and Variance

Dear Mr. Connelly:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

O. James Lighthizer

Hal Kassoff

Administrator

1-13-93

Item No.: + 330 (JLL)

Re: Baltimore County

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it

does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.



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JANUARY 13, 1993

(410) 887-4500

Arnold Jablon Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

CONNELLY FUNERAL HOME

#300 MACE AVENUE Location:

Item No.: +230 (JLL) Zoning Agenda: JANUARY 19, 1993

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy.

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Special Inspection Division

Fire Prevention Bureau

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My telephone number is 410-333-1350

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this

8th day of January 1993.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Connelly Funeral Home Petitioner's Attorney:

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BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: January 27, 1993

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

Rahee J. Famili

SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: January 18, 1993 ITEM NUMBER: 230

The angled spaces must be realigned to provide a one-way drive aisle exiting the site, and "DO NOT ENTER" signs must be placed at the exit.

Wheel stops must be placed on the two spaces next to the proposed

Rahee J. Famili Traffic Engineer II

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: January 25, 1993

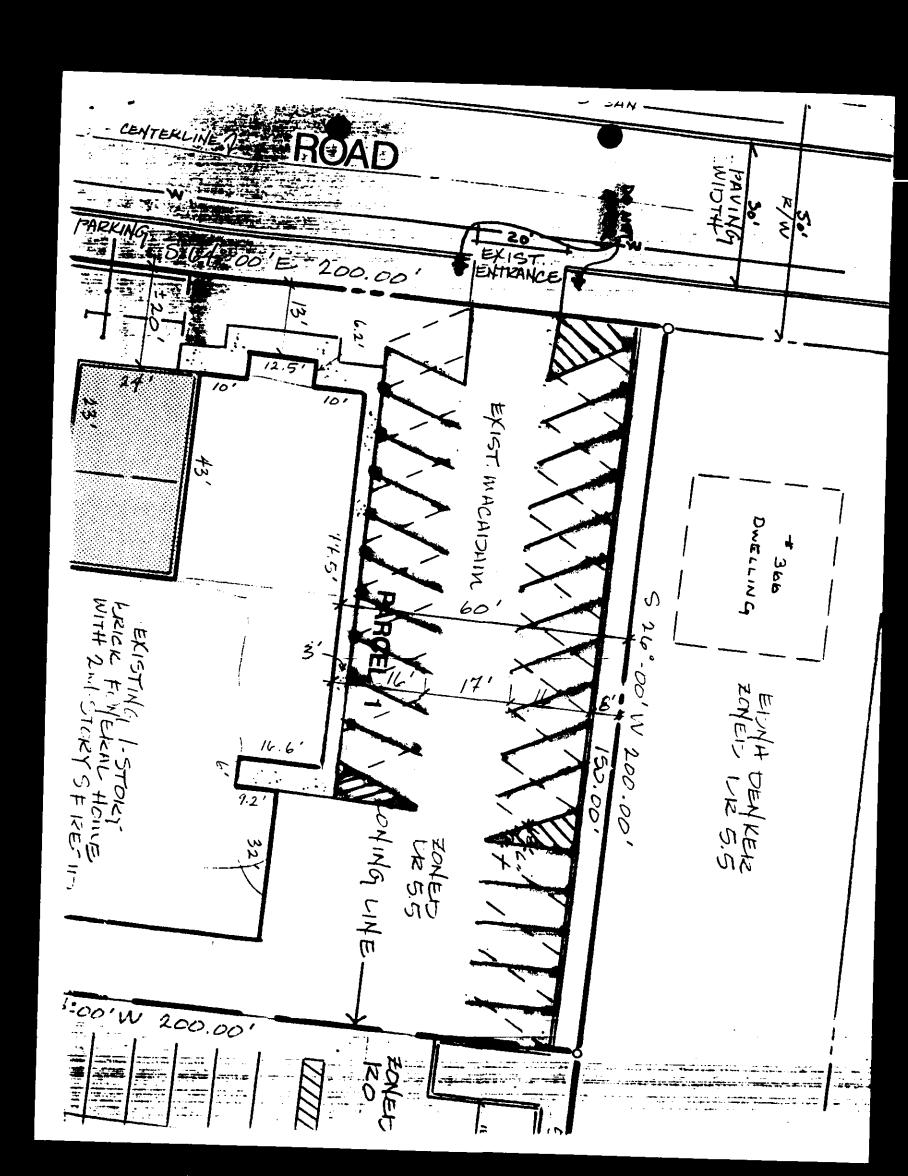
Zoning Administration and Development Management FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Division

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for January 25, 1993

Item No. 230

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. A modification of Landscape Manual requirements will be necessary for the garage because the Manual requires a 10-foot wide landscape buffer between the garage and any adjacent residences.

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FBALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE TO: Arnold Jablon, Director **DATE:** January 26, 1993 Zoning Administration & Development Management FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning SUBJECT: Connelly Funeral Home Connelly Funeral Home Parcel 1 - 0.7 acres, Parcel 2 - 0.5 acres Special Hearing, Variance The petitioner is requesting a variance to permit a garage for the storage of vehicles or if the garage is not considered as an accessory structure, a variance to permit a side yard setback of 5' in lieu of the required 20' and a rear yard setback of 5' in lieu of the required 30' for non-residential, principal buildings in DR zones. Also, a variance to permit an open projection, 0' feet from the front property line in lieu of 39'. The petitioner is also requesting a special hearing to expand the special exception area and amend previously ap-The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends APPROVAL of the petitioner's request and recommends that the following conditions be included as part of the Zoning Commissioner's order: 1. The garage, the addition to the existing building and the canopy should all be architecturally compatible with the existing buildings. The proposed buildings should have brick exteriors and pitched roofs and the canopy should blend in with existing building. 2. The proposed addition adjacent to Townsend Road will eliminate a small attractive landscaped area. Replacement landscaping should be required along Townsend Road. 3. Prior to approval of building permits a landscape plan and elevation drawings showing the proposed buildings, with building materials to be used, should be submitted for approval to the Deputy Director of Planning.

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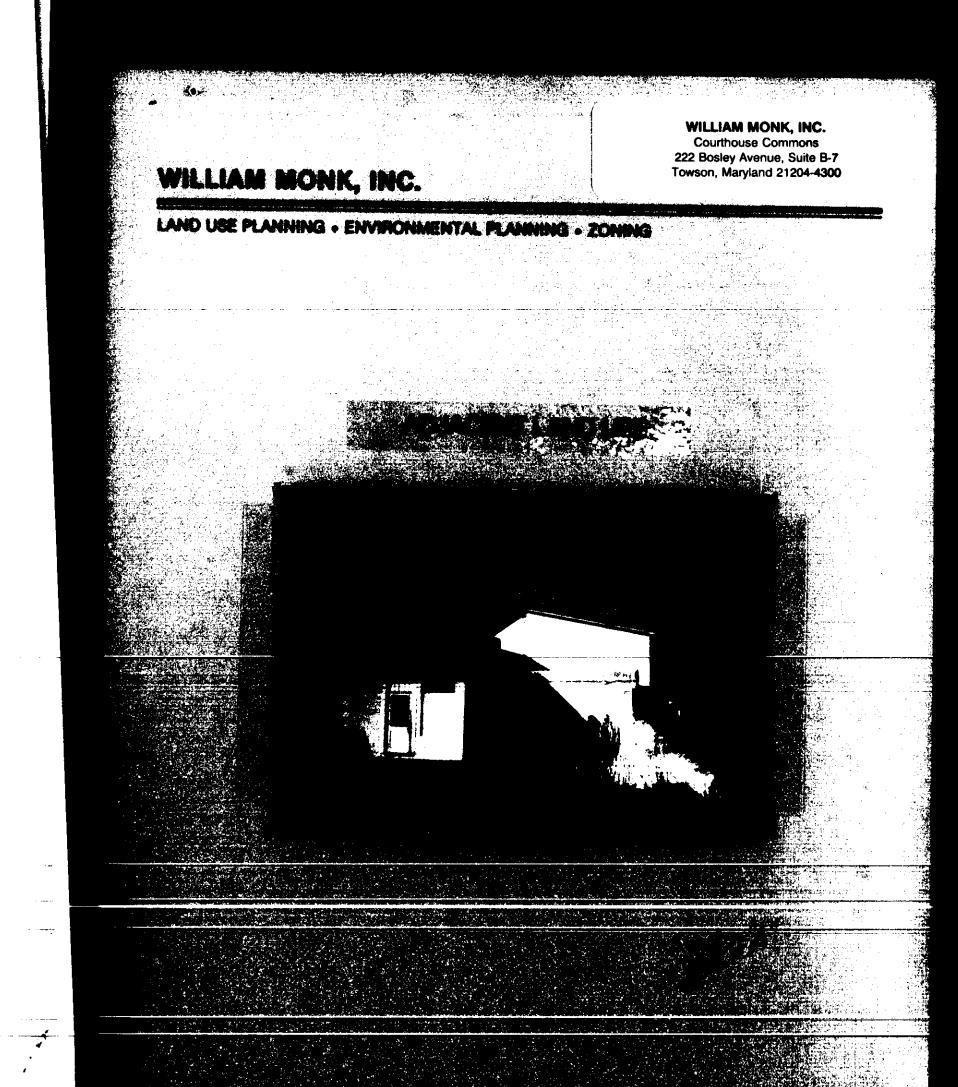
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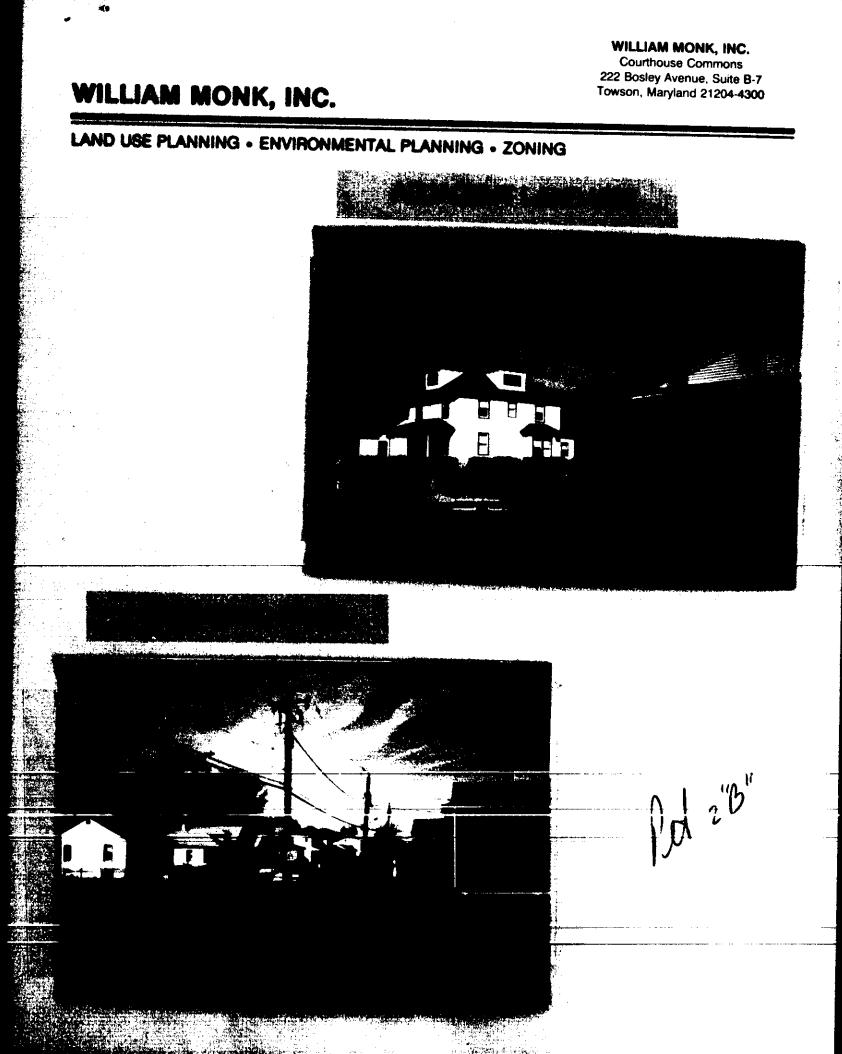
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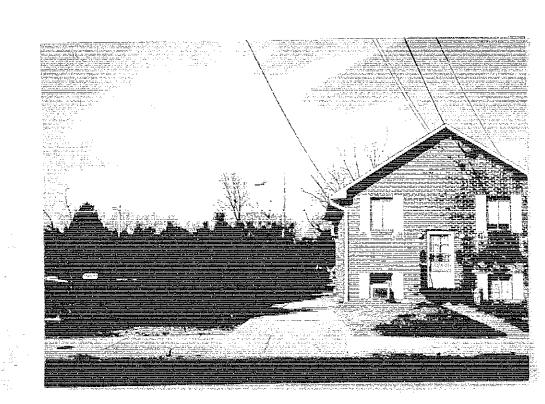


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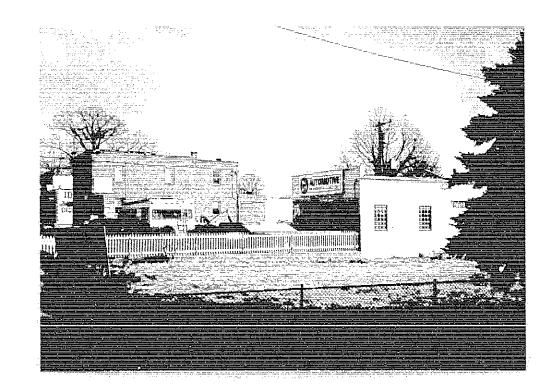
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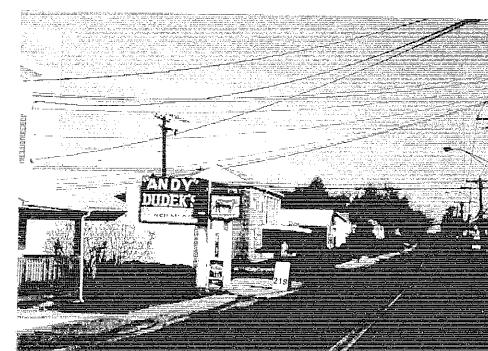
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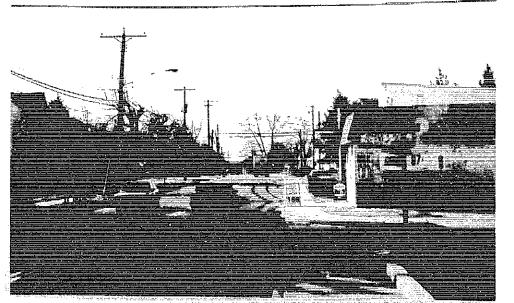
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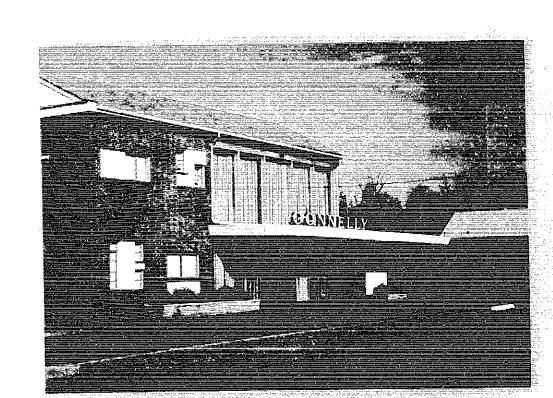


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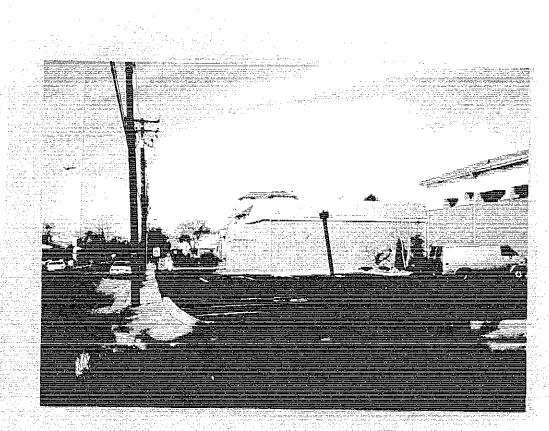
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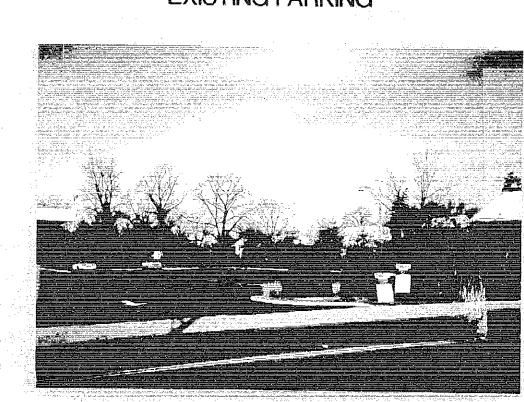


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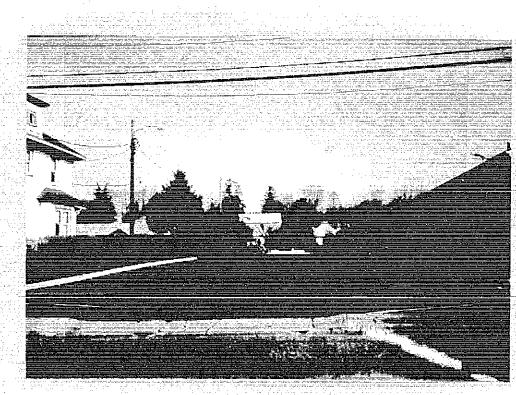
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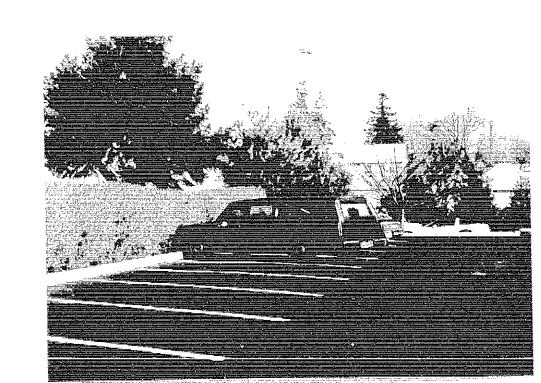


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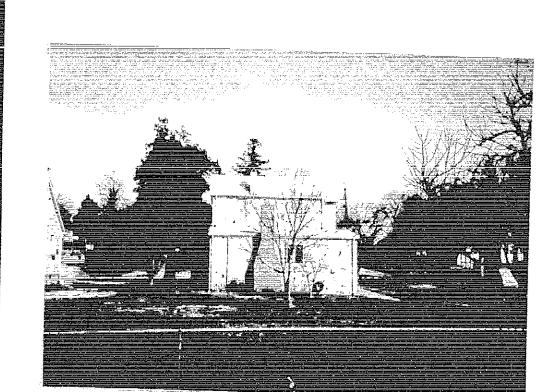
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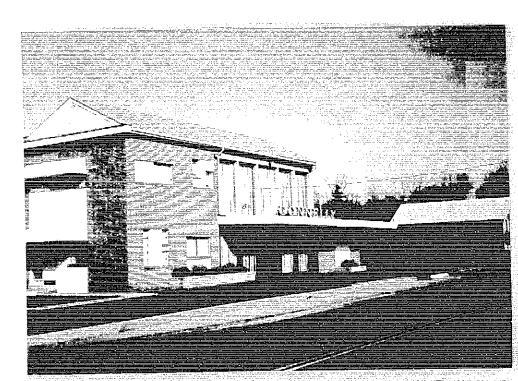


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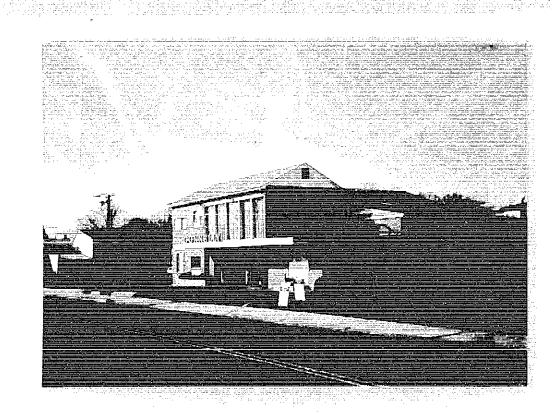
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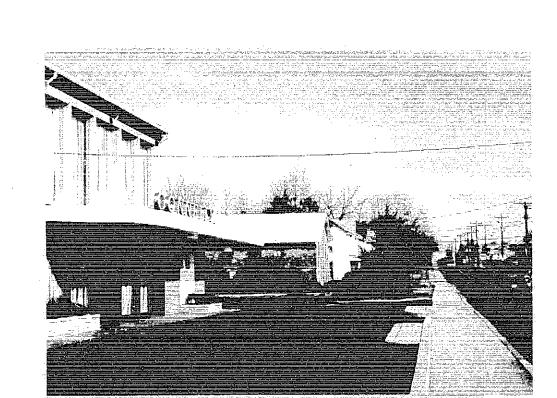


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CASE # 76-249-X PARKING MACE EX. 20 MING - D. R. 5.5 'AREA OF LOT - 30,000 SQ. FT. VARIANCE - 13' SIDE STREET SETBACK INSTEAD OF REa. 35'. SECTION IBO2. 2B (501-V. B. 2.) FIPUPUS UTILITIES IN DONO CONITILLY FUNEIZAL HOME LOTS : 1-8 BLACK E" BLACK RIVER HIGHLANDS

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

William T. Hackett, Chairman Date April 22, 1983 TO_County_Board of Appeals_ Norman E. Gerber, Secretary FROM Baltimore County Planning Board Amended Zoning R classification Petition

SUBJECT Cycle II, Item 21 R-82-198

At its regular meeting on April 21, 1983, the Baltimore County Planning Board reviewed the amended documentation submitted by the petitioner. Please replace the Planning Board comments for this petition, adopted on January 21, 1982, with the following:

The Planning Board believes that the proposed use of the subject property (parking for the existing funeral home) is appropriate. This additional area will enable the petitioner to assemble funeral proceedings on-site, thereby decreasing the traffic congestion or adjacent streets experienced during those times when the facility's needs are greatest. Further, the Board is of the opinion that development of the site as shown on the amended plan would provide for adequate landscaping as a visual buffer between the funeral home operation and the adjacent residential properties; the Board is cognizant of the fact that if this request for zoning reclassification is granted, such zoning would be valid only if the property is used in accordance with the plan (Section 2-58.1(n) of the Baltimore County Code). Additionally, the Planning Board believes that the westernmost rectangular portion of the property shown as an exclusion from the proposed parking area (abutting the rear of the Edna Denker property, S 64°00' E/50.00' by S 26°00' W/40.00') should remain in the D.R. 5.5 zoning classification.

It is recommended that the petitioner's request for R.O. zoning be granted, saving and excepting that portion of property identified in the preceding paragraph. It is the Planning Board's opinion that such action would provide for a community need that was not provided for in this specific instance by the 1980 Comprehensive Zoning Map.

> Norman E. Gerber, Secretary Baltimore County Planning Board

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cc: John W. Hessian, III People's Counsel James E. Dyer

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